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How Will Hospital Garage Affect Surrounding Area?

By Judy Baston

How the long-awaited San Francisco General Hospital (SFGH) parking garage will affect the surrounding area is detailed in the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on the project, released by the City Planning Dept. Jan. 15.

The EIR, which will be the subject of a public hearing at the Feb. 18 Planning Commission meeting, includes the effects of the construction period for the garage (estimated to take 18 months for the first phase that would provide room for some 850 cars) as well as the operation of the garage itself.

The garage is proposed for the block between 23rd and 24th Streets and Utah Street and San Bruno Avenue, currently occupied by a MUNI maintenance facility. Plans to build a garage on the location are a response to demands for increased parking by both SFGH employees and neighbors of the hill — and growing — hospital complex as the parking shortage has assumed crisis proportions.

One of the most direct longterm effects of garage construction on neighbors in that part of Potrero Hill is likely to be establishment of a Residential Parking Program (RPP), complete with the need for required stickers. There will be a fee — currently unspecified — at the proposed garage, leading some hospital employees still to seek nearby on-street parking. The RPP is viewed as an additional incentive for employees to use the garage . . . and a disincentive to park on the street.

The EIR notes that "it is expected that the program would be in place by the time the first phase of the parking garage is completed. The RPP area would limit the on-street parking for anyone without a permit to two hours. Residents of the area would be able to purchase permit stickers that allow them to park on the street for longer periods of time. On-street parking would also be re-established around the perimeter of the site, possibly controlled by meters."

The EIR is silent on just what the expected boundaries of the RPP area would be, or whether any subsidy would be forthcoming for the cost of the stickers.

Environmental impacts of the garage in a variety of areas are discussed in the document — land use, transportation,

circulation and parking, noise, air quality, visual quality and urban design; public health and safety hazards and growth inducement — as well as possible ways to mitigate potential problems. Among the draft EIR's additional findings:

- * After both phases of the garage are built, general traffic patterns in the area would decrease at most locations, but would still be high at the intersections of Potrero Avenue and 23rd Streets and Utah and 23rd Streets. Pedestrian traffic crossing 23rd Street at Utah Street and San Bruno Avenue would also increase, the EIR estimates, but the document claims "these volumes do not warrant a signal at these intersections."

- * While the garage is being constructed, what the EIR euphemistically calls "the interior noise environment" at adjacent residences "would be periodically affected." Under the project proposal, however, construction would be limited to daytime weekdays only and "hydraulically or electrically powered impact tools, (e.g., jack hammers, pavement breakers, and rock drills) would be used wherever possible to avoid noise associated with compressed air exhaust from pneumatically powered tools."

Dust from construction might create what the draft EIR calls "a nuisance" rather than a "measurably unhealthy impact," but the document does cite "potential exposure of persons to hazardous wastes" from "demolition, construction and operational activities associated with the garage" from previously identified hazardous wastes in the existing building, the soils and groundwater. The plan does call for removal of all contaminants and hazardous materials from the area prior to demolition, as well as further plans to deal with potential hazards, but as yet they have not been developed.

- * With the garage itself 40 feet high but the corner stair tower at completion of phase two as high as 60 feet, the draft EIR admits "the project's scale and character would be more similar to the scale and institutional character of the adjacent SFGH facilities than to the surrounding residences."

Copies of the draft EIR are available from the Zoning Counter at the Dept. of City Planning, 450 McAllister Street, at no charge. Written public comments on the document will be accepted by the department through Feb. 18.

WORKING HARD



An ambitious effort to paint out graffiti at the Potrero Terrace and Annex took place December 5, under the sponsorship of the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House's Girls Club. Organized by Nabe staffer Joyce Armstrong, girls — and boys — came together at 9 a.m. and, along with adult help and volunteers from other sections of the Hill, were issued paint brushes, paint, brooms, gloves and other paraphernalia, and were disbursed in teams to "get the job done!" The S.F. Housing Authority and businesses in the community contributed paints, gloves and brooms. A lunch for the crew was provided by some of the volunteers, and the Neighborhood House. The first "paint out" of 1993 took place on Jan. 30.

Ruth Posson photo

Neighbors Win Round In Fight Over Condo Project

By Vas Arnautoff

Neighbors opposed to a condominium project proposed for the long block of Wisconsin Street between 20th and 22nd Streets won a continuance at a discretionary review session of the S.F. Planning Commission at City Hall Jan. 14.

At issue is a permit sought by developer Larry McAuley to construct two housing units, three stories above a garage, on the lot at 710 Wisconsin St. adjoining what is commonly known as the Ferlinghetti Victorian. Project architect Michael O'Brien has created a design for two separate units, one behind the other, to provide each with a north view from the top floor.

The neighborhood group opposing the project in its present form is headed by Ellen Kernaghan and Anna and Edward Everett, who own and occupy the house adjoining and to the south of the lot in question. They arranged a number of meetings with the developer and architect to voice their objections to the size and bulkiness of the project and what they feel was the incompatibility of the design to that of surrounding buildings. The meetings drew as many as 25 concerned neighbors of the proposed structure.

The neighborhood group has repeatedly stressed that it does not oppose construction on the property in question "if it blends into our neighborhood and does not damage our quality of life here on the Hill."

In addition, the neighbors stress that the proposed construction runs counter to the San Francisco Residential Design Guidelines (SFRDG) that were adopted with the passage of Prop. M in 1986.

SFRDG recognizes, they say, that "a building out of context with its surroundings, can have a remarkably destructive effect on the visual character of a place. It affects nearby buildings, the streetscape and, if repeated often enough, the image of the city as a whole."

The destructive effect, say the protesters, will be in the blocking of light to neighbors' homes, particularly in the winter, loss of greenery and backyard space, and a diminution of privacy.

Unable to reach a compromise satisfactory to both parties, the neighbors and the developer agreed to a suggestion by the Dept. of City Planning to submit the dispute to an Advisory Design Review panel of the American Institute of Architects.

The non-binding decision by the AIA panel did induce the architect and developer to modify their plans somewhat, but not to the satisfaction of the neighbors, and the matter was moved to the discretionary review hearing.

The concerned neighbors' case was presented to the Planning Commission primarily through a videotape prepared and presented by Lynne Joiner, a TV journalist who lives on Wisconsin Street. It shows the neighborhood in its present state and indicates what would be lost if the O'Brien-McAuley plan is approved. Dick Millet, chairman of the Housing Committee of the Potrero Boosters and Merchants Assn., also spoke on behalf of the neighbors.

Following extensive discussion of the case by the Planning Commission, that body, expressing through its chairman Sidney Unobskey that the architect and builder "take into account the comments made tonight," moved to rehear the matter on February 8.

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More Air Traffic?

Editor:
I am curious: Has anyone else noticed the increased air traffic over Potrero Hill? I don't think it's just me. Patrick Murphy, President of the Airport Commission, is heading a three year expansion project to triple the usage of SFO. This project has begun since October, 1992 when I first experienced airplanes buzzing my bedroom, I have been making frequent calls to the SFO Noise Abatement center.

Perhaps if enough people are complaining, "they" in power will take notice and use their influence to prevent the expansion from pushing an unknown amount of flights further and further north over our beloved haven on Potrero Hill.

If anyone else has noticed an increase in air traffic and are interested in writing letters or making phone calls, direct them to any or all of the following:

- Patrick Murphy
Pres. Airport Commission
S.F. Int'l, Airport
P. O. Box 8097
S.F. 94128
- Mayor Roger Chinn
Airport/Community Roundtable
Planning & Development Division
590 Hamilton St.
Redwood City, CA 94063
- Curt Holzinger
Board of Supervisors Representative
215 Henry St.
S.F. 94114
- Noise Abatement Center
415/876-2219
- Mayor Frank Jordan
City Hall, Room 200
S.F. 94102

A Thanksgiving Success

Editor:
We want to thank the participants in the incredibly successful Thanksgiving Holiday benefit. This year we served close to 400 people! Not only did we serve them one of the best homemade meals in town, but we also provided them with free clothing, household goods, books, etc. Perhaps one of the most important aspects of this year's benefit, was the increased participation of community members. From all parts of Potrero Hill, merchants and individuals took this opportunity to get involved and support the community in which they live.

There was also another perceptible difference at this year's benefit in that we reached a segment of our community that may not be homeless but that were in need of company and community on this holiday. We had many elderly people call and ask if they could join us. Even though they had a roof over their heads, they had no one to spend this day with. It was truly a delight to have these individuals join us.

Once again, thank you for helping us celebrate this holiday together.

May your New Year be joyous.

Alison and Andrea Dance
Gail Durkin
and Asimakopoulos Cafe



Beatings Leave Scars

Editor:
Enclosed is a letter that we have sent to Mayor Jordan regarding an incident in which some of our employees were badly beaten as they were leaving work. It is one of a seemingly growing number of incidents of violence perpetrated by young people for no reason at all. The youth had no fear of being seen or being caught, which made the incident even more frightening.

The emotional scars left on those involved and those that saw what happened will be very difficult to overcome. Why would any business choose to stay, or relocate to, a city which does not provide a safe environment?

Dear Mayor Jordan:
In 1990, our organization expanded its manufacturing business and training program to a site off Army Street near Potrero Hill. Last Tuesday, January 5, as they were leaving work, three employees were beaten by four young men who hit the employee's car. The young men dragged the driver out of the car, beating and kicking him and the other employees in the head and body.

You often hear that businesses leave a city because of high taxes or costs, but a major consideration for a business location is safety. You can't expect your workers to go to work everyday and be productive if they're afraid. Instead, businesses would rather be in some suburban industrial park. If you want businesses to stay, it has to be safer for all of us.

Throwing the kids in jail will not make us any safer, because there are so many others to take their place. We would rather that the money go to getting kids off the streets by creating recreation, training and job opportunities.

On the day our employees got beat up, a front page story covered African American leaders protesting that a promised youth initiative was not funded. I support the sentiment. It only makes economic sense, if San Francisco is to keep good jobs here, to address the seemingly random violence by youth who are increasingly seeing jail as a logical part of their future. Getting caught, or even the possibility of dying, is not a deterrent to a young person who sees no real future anyway.

We call on you to help us both in the short and long term. In the short term, we want to make the corner where this happened safer for both our employees and the many good people that live there. We need a stop sign and speed bump on Connecticut Street at 26th Street. This is not difficult or expensive. Since Tuesday, two more

car accidents have happened at that corner. There will not be a lot of opposition. Can we cut the red tape?
The long term involves making it safer for everyone by supporting projects that keep young people busy and give them some hope for a future.

Maurice Lim Miller
Executive Director
Asian Neighborhood Design

Kudos to Good Life

Editor:
I sent the following letter to Good Life grocery and would like to share it with all of you:

Dear Good Life:
I want to congratulate you on your staff. On Christmas Eve I bought a few things in the early afternoon in a

great rush. When I popped in three hours later to buy something I had forgotten, Wayne Sanford handed me \$1.83 — the change which he said I had forgotten earlier.
You are lucky to have such honest and attentive people on your staff. This is not the first time someone has chased me out to the car with some item I have forgotten, or even called my house.

Perhaps my New Year's resolution should be to pay attention more. If I break it, here's thanking you in advance. What goes around comes around.

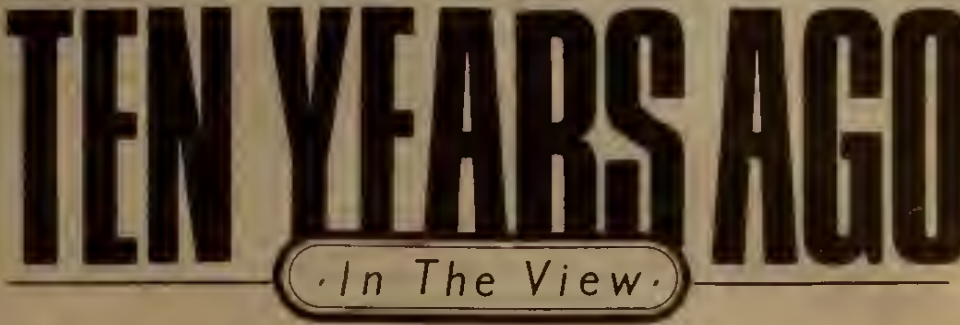
Dan Berman
Rhode Island Street

A Special Christmas

Editor:
Christmas for us was very special this last year because of the kindness and generosity of all those "Santas" who left a gift for a needy child under the "Giving Tree" at the library. Seeing the joy in the eyes of those children who received the presents brought home the true spirit of the season. I know they were very grateful.

Thanks, also, to the library staff who graciously handled the program.

Micky Ostler
Carolina Street



EMBARCADERO IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED:

Citizens were being asked to review and comment on six proposed schemes to improve traffic flow on the Embarcadero. One was the removal of the Embarcadero freeway (accomplished now with the aid of the Loma Prieta earthquake). Other proposals being considered included extending MUNI-Metro service from Market Street to the S.P. Depot, extending Caltrain/SP service to Rincon Annex, and rebuilding the Embarcadero roadway as a parkway.

150 ATTEND MEETING ON MISSION BAY PLANS:

The fourth meeting called by Southern Pacific developers to discuss the proposed Mission Bay project between Potrero Hill and China Basin drew 150 interested citizens. According to the 1983 View story by Curtis Cavin, "the project was represented by a cluster of skyscrapers as high as 42 stories," which effectively blocked views from Potrero Hill. S.P. was quick to point out that the study was preliminary and not to be taken as final, but it was based on S.P.'s preferred plan "which calls for high density mixed use," made necessary, they claimed, "by the high cost of developing the area." The absence of schools in a plan that included 7,000 condominiums was explained by S.P.'s determination that schools in the surrounding neighborhoods could easily accommodate the increased population.

BOXER: PRESH VOICE IN CONGRESS

Thus headlined the View in February 1983, below a photo of Barbara Boxer being sworn in by then House Speaker "Tip" O'Neill. She stated that Congress must be the place "where we must at least restore the hope that some day we will be once more a country of opportunity for all our people"

DR. JEAN-LUC SZPAKOWSKI WELCOMED

Dr. Jean-Luc Szpakowski was introduced to Potrero Hill residents through a profile in the View. The medic, then a 34-year-old bachelor, established his practice at the 20th Street medical office vacated by Dr. Sheldon Minkin, and revealed himself to be a marathon and ultra-marathon runner. "The media leads people to believe that health comes in a pill," he said, whereas exercise and nutrition are the basics.

WILDLIFE REPUGE AT MISSION BAY?

The Mission Creek Conservancy, an environmental group centered at China Basin, proposed a tidal basin park in place of the concrete lined channels that appear in SP's massive proposed development north of Potrero Hill. Such a park, stated Conservancy spokesmen Bob Isaacson and Jack Davis, who then lived on houseboats in Mission Creek, "could be a magnificent centerpiece to SP's development, and more in keeping with the unique livability of San Francisco than SP's design."

THIS AND THAT

Louis Goldblatt, who had died in January at age 72, was eulogized for his accomplishments as Secretary-Treasurer of the Int'l Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union for 40 years . . . Todd Shipyard (formerly Bethlehem) at the foot of 20th Street was being sued by one of two Bethlehem employees who were denied work at the facility for "political differences" . . . The Julian Theatre was showing "The Heist," a "madcap caper where anything that can go wrong will," according to reviewer Leland Meyerzove . . . a proposed heliport was announced for the China Basin area with take-offs and landings projected every ten minutes. The Potrero Hill Middle School Stallions won their third consecutive city basketball title (and the fifth in six years) and were on a 23-game winning streak.

- Vas Arnautoff



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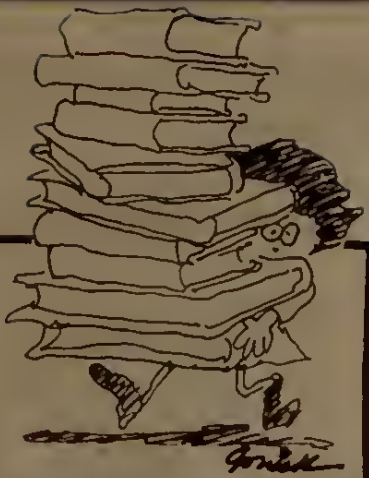
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Grateful for the rain and knowing just how fortunate we are that — so far — the library is warm and dry inside, we're hoping that some of the following programming and book order information will entice you in.

ONGOING CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Preschool Story Time, a half hour of reading aloud and singing along, continues every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Thursday afternoon lapsits, featuring books and songs for infants and toddlers, continue on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY FILM PROGRAM

February 24th's 7 p.m. program (in lieu of Story Time) will feature "I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly" and two pratfall-packed Czechoslovakian animated whimsies, "Mole and the Lollipop" and "Mole and the Hedgehog."

COMING ATTRACTIONS: ADULT BOOKS ON ORDER

• Asante, Molefi. "The Afrocentric Idea" — The Chair of African American Studies at Temple University re-examines history, emphasizing the influence of African civilizations.

• Barnett, Terry James. "Living Wills and More: Everything You Need To Ensure That All Your Medical Wishes are Followed" — A step by step guide comparing/contrasting the living will and durable power of attorney. State by state requirements and model documents are also provided.

• Bucy, Erik Page. "The Buy and Hold Real Estate Strategy: How to Secure Profits in Any Real Estate Market." The San Francisco Examiner believes this book lives up to its title, rating it the number one real estate book of 1992.

• Cella, Catherine. "Best Videos for Kids." A writer for Billboard and Mothering magazine reviews what she considers to be the best children's videos currently available.

• Coleman, Bob. "The Great American Idea Book: How to Make Money From Your Ideas for Movies, Music, Books, Inventions, Businesses and Almost Anything Else" — All of the above (plus!) from brainstorm to profit statement by way of copyright/patent, promotion, investor enticement, marketing strategies, legal defense — even franchising.

• Conroy, Sarah Booth. "The Refinements of Love." A Washington Post columnist imagines the last five weeks of Clover Adams' life right up to her mysterious death by potassium cyanide poisoning in 1855.

• Creighton, Allan. "Helping Teens Stop Violence: a Practical Guide for Educators, Counselors and Parents." A do-it-yourself workbook building on the success of The Oakland Men's Project and the Teen Program for Battered Women's Alternatives in Concord.

• Crombie, Deborah. "A Share in Death." A Scotland Yard detective vacationing at a Yorkshire estate finds himself on a busman's holiday when the caretaker's assistant is electrocuted in the Jacuzzi.

• Evans, William and Andrew Frothingham. "Crisp Toasts." Two New Yorker writers provide succinct yet stirring toasts for more than 100 alphabetically arranged occasions.

• Felman, Jyl Lynn. "Hot Chicken Wings." Eleven short stories for anyone who's ever wondered if lesbianism is kosher.

• Kelly, Marcia and Jack. "Sanctuaries: the West Coast and Southwest: a Guide to Lodgings in Monasteries, Abbeys and Retreats of the United States." A practical guide for contemporary pilgrims and us eremite wannabees.

• Laplante, Phil. "Easy PC Maintenance and Repair." Clear, illustrated instructions on maintaining, upgrading and repairing IBM PC/XT/TA computers and their clones. Good advice on software configuration and anti-viral strategies as well.

• Petroski, Henry. "The Evolution of Useful Things." Whence came the zipper? How did the time count of most forks become standardized? The author argues that form follows failure (i.e., inadequacy begets invention) in this survey of the genesis of numerous everyday objects.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: CHILDREN'S BOOKS ON ORDER

• Brett, Jan. "The Trouble With Trolls." Treva must employ all her wits when the mountain trolls decide that they can provide her dog Tuffi with an even better home (Preschool).

• Carle, Eric. "Draw Me a Star." From the time he is a young boy inspired to draw a star and throughout his artistic career, the protagonist of this story renders in response to his drawings' requests (Preschool).

• Dorris, Michael. "Morning Girl." Told in alternating chapters by a brother and sister living in the Bahamas when the Nina lands in 1492 (Grades 3-6).

• Reeves, Nicholas. "Into the Mummy's Tomb." Lively, accurate account of Lord Carnarvon and Howard Carter's search for King Tutankhamun's tomb as well as an overview of daily life in ancient Egypt (Grades 4-6).

• Ringgold, Faith. "Aunt Harriet's Underground Railroad in the Sky." A vivid, phantasmagorical legend is created from the Harriet Tubman story in which flying children discover a constellation retracing the route of the underground railroad (Preschool).

• Roop, Peter and Connie. "Ahyoka and the Talking Leaves." Historical fiction recalling the life of Sequoyah's daughter who helped her father develop a written Cherokee language in the early 1800s. (Grades 3-5).

• San Souci, Robert. "Sukey and the Mermaid." In the course of a tour of her undersea queendom, a wise and generous mermaid named Mama Jo consoles a poor young girl raised on a South Carolina sea island (Grades 1-4).

Siy, Alexandra. "The Brazilian Rain Forest." From soil composition to tree-top habitats, this is a thorough exploration of rainforest biodiversity and interdependence (Grades 4-6).

• Temple, Francis. "Taste of Salt." Intertwined stories of a young convent-educated woman and a street urchin protege of President Aristide struggling to survive in contemporary Haiti (Grades 8 and up).

• Tyrell, Esther Quesada. "Hummingbirds: Jewels in the Sky." Spectacular photographs complement an informative text and an illustrated index identifying the 16 types of hummingbirds native to the United States (Grades 2-6).

Thomas Tavis
Acting Branch Librarian

ON THE MARCH



A contingent of black police officers joined thousands of people in a march to honor the memory of Or. Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 18. Officers from the Potrero Station, Luwanda Williams (second from left), and Billy Ray Smith (second from right) are among those waiting to begin the long walk from Fourth and Townsend Streets to Civic Center in downtown San Francisco.
Ruth Possen photo

Potrero Hill Neighborhood House

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Enola D. Maxwell, Executive Director

Youth Council Meetings - Wed., 6 p.m.
Girls Club Meetings - Mon., 5-7 p.m.
Omega Boys Club Meetings - 1st & 3rd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.
Every Tues., 7:30 p.m.
- Tues., 5-7 p.m.

Study Hall
Juvenile Diversion
Tutorial Program
Job Referral
Al-Anon - Thurs., 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Alcohol Anonymous - Sun/Mon/Thurs, 8:30 p.m.
Cocaine Anonymous - Sat., 6-7 p.m.

Social Development Center: For developmentally disabled adults. Basic education, cultural enrichment, consumer and health education, field trips, sensorimotor development, work training, leisure time use, group and individual counseling.
Senior Citizens Program: Hot lunches every weekday (at small cost). Activities include - bingo games, information and referral, counseling, social hour, games and recreation.
Classes: Photography, Arts & Crafts.
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For more information
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Strand Service Celebrating 50 Years on Potrero Hill

Strand Service-Appliances, at 344 Connecticut St., is celebrating 50 years of offering its customers "The best possible deal in town," says proprietor Judie Kloehn Lopez.

She is carrying on a family tradition started by her father, Bert Kloehn, and continued by her husband, John Lopez, until his death in 1991.

Bert Kloehn started Strand Service-Appliances as a sideline to a Chevron Station he ran at Third and Mariposa Streets in the early 1940s. He sold small appliances and Decca records, and even met Frank Sinatra on a Decca promotional tour.

Still at Strand is Nipper, who, thanks to Bert's custom wiring, used to surprise customers by announcing, "Hi, I'm Nipper, the R.C.A. dog!"



Judi Kloehn Lopez holds an early local photo in front of her family's store on Connecticut Street, with the RCA "talking" dog, Nipper. Peter Linenthal photo

**Don't forget
Your Valentine
on Feb. 14!**

In 1961, Strand expanded and moved to its current Connecticut Street location. It still carries a full line of new refrigerators, stoves, dishwashers, clothes washers and dryers, as well as T.V.s, V.C.R.s, cooktops and carpeting. Judie's warm personal service and low prices (cost plus 10 percent) are one more reason to do your shopping on Potrero Hill.

Drop by Strand Appliance this month to see a special collection of photos in the window documenting its 50 year history.

— Peter Linenthal

Good Life Grocery Wins Business Award for Aiding Disabled Students

In an award ceremony held on November 19, longtime Potrero Hill residents Lester Zeidman and Kayren Hudiburgh of the Good Life Grocery were recipients of the Small Business Award for their participation in the "Bridges From School to Work Program."

The Bridges Program, sponsored by the Marriott Foundation for People with Disabilities and administered by the San Francisco State University Foundation, is a nationwide organization devoted to working with local small businesses to provide training and employment opportunities for high school students with disabilities.

In 1992, Zeidman, Hudiburgh and the Bridges Program staff worked side-by-side to identify and place two disabled high school students, Anthony Hopkins and Brian Phillips, as stock clerks for the Bernal Heights store.

The annual Employer Recognition dinner and award ceremony, held at the San Francisco Marriott, was attended by Zeidman, Hudiburgh, and store managers from the Potrero Hill and Bernal Heights stores. Richard Marriott, of the Marriott Foundation for People with Disabilities, Steve Young, quarterback for the San Francisco 49ers, and Waldemar Rojas, Superintendent of Schools for the San Francisco Unified School District, also participated in the Foundation's tribute to the San Francisco businesses that generously supported the Bridges Program in 1992.



A 40 minute video about Hill residents during World War II includes a short segment on the Potrero Rescue Squad (1943), pictured above. The video can be rented at Dr. Video store, 1521-18th St.

Archives Project Offers First Videotape for Rent; Others Coming

The Potrero Hill Archives Project's first videotape is available for a \$1 rental fee at Dr. Video, 1521 - 18th St. It includes "The Potrero Rescue Squad" (1943), a World War II first aid film made on the Hill by Bert Kloehn. It's narrated by his daughters Judie Kloehn Lopez and Joan Kloehn.

Also included are "Potrero Hill Home

Movies 1950-53 by George and Emmy Hildebrand. They show their home, which was moved to make way for Highway 101, and 101's construction and opening ceremony. Another Archives Project video of interviews with longtime Hill Residents is in the works. The Archives is always looking for old photos or home movies of Potrero Hill. For more information, call 863-0784.

— P.L.



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY ...**

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY: Ellie Baines, Esther (Hon) Brown, Miriam Cooper, Martin Diller, Marissa Dorr, Sheila Duffy, Ria Franks, Dan Gershater, Geri Green, Nathaniel Irons, Julia Jaurigui, Pauline Jurich, Roberta Callahan Kershaw, Sam Kiebal, Ricardo Orellano, Anne Patterson, Karen Pierce, Richard Reineccius, Charles Sabella, Evie Wakefield, Janice Westenhouse, Neal Wood.

And special Welcome! to: Eli J. Dorr (12/22/92), James Martin Kennedy, III (12/23/92), and Mathilde Lucienne Fanny Hauser (11/92).



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Citizens to Discuss Health Care System Ideas for Future

San Francisco health services will be examined in citizen group discussion this month at the Caleb Clark Potrero Hill Health Center. Dr. Raymond J. Baxter, Director of the San Francisco Dept. of Public Health, has asked the advisory councils of the city health providers to be involved in discussions that address not just budget numbers. These discussions are also intended to help the health providers adopt a vision and a mission. To that end, they are asking for needs and ideas of what universal health care can be for the city, the state and the nation.

The clinic at 1050 Wisconsin St. will conduct at least one such meeting toward the middle of February. Meetings are usually after six and last no more than two hours.

The advisory group of the Health Center is asking neighbors to join in these exploratory discussions "to adopt a mission and a vision that broadens our outlook beyond neighborhood flu and children's illnesses," notes the group's Joyce Armstrong and Eve Milton. "We need to strive toward preventive care for all people."

A summary of the discussions will be presented to the Health Commission in March. Information on the meeting date and time will be available by flyers in all public places on the Hill, or by calling the Health Center at 648-3022.

Library Survey Shows Users Want More Open Hours

Users of the Potrero Branch Library want more morning and evening hours — as well as making sure the branch remains open on Saturday, preliminary results of a recent survey indicate.

The survey has been conducted in all branch libraries — as well as in other places throughout the city — partly to help the library administration determine how to face a continuing budget shortfall. Even while the Library is dealing with this year's budget crunch, it has been asked by Mayor Frank Jordan to submit a budget for next year reflecting a 7.5 percent reduction — \$1.5 million less.

This year, the shortfall is being dealt with by closing the entire Library system one Friday a month from January through June. Library staff has been asked to take these days off without pay: Jan. 15; Feb. 12; March 12; April 16; May 28 and June 18.

Although the Potrero Branch Library is considered to serve a relatively small population area because of the Hill's geographic isolation, it ranks quite high in per capita circulation. Such circulation levels are often taken into account when the Library Administration ponders the future hours and service levels of various branches.

— J.B.

Hill School PTSA Asks for Safeway Receipts, Donations

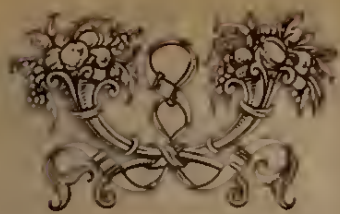
The Parent, Teacher, Student Assn. (PTSA) of the Potrero Hill Middle School is asking residents of the Hill community to send Safeway receipts dated through March 6 to the school. They will go towards the "Apples for Students" drive, in which the school can get Apple computers. So far about \$15,000 in receipts have been collected, but much more is needed.

In addition, prizes are needed for the Spring Festival set for March 13. This major fundraiser will include a drawing, student performances and a dance. Any funds raised from this event will go towards helping students participate in Carnival, as well as towards providing awards for students showing outstanding leadership.

This is the PTSA's first year at the Middle School, and it has built a membership of 90. The PTSA has set as a goal helping to "make the school an inviting and safe place to be."

Hill residents are asked to send Safeway receipts and/or donations for the drawing before March 7 to:

Potrero Hill Middle School PTSA
c/o JoAnn Vail
655 De Haro Street
San Francisco, CA 94107.



May Finish Seen For First Phase Of Embarcadero Work

Hill residents who take Third Street and the Embarcadero to reach the northern part of town may have noticed some changes recently. Construction has begun in the South Embarcadero area in the effort to build an underground roadway along the city's waterfront.

Renovation of the section of the waterfront corridor from Steuart and Folsom Streets to Third and King Streets — the project's first phase — is expected to be finished by May. Throughout this and the other two phases, two lanes of traffic along the Embarcadero are slated to be open at all times.

Along with construction of the underground roadway, also planned for the Embarcadero are two art and historical efforts. The Promenade Ribbon Project will be a linear sculpture consisting of a single strip of black-colored concrete, five feet wide and two and a half feet long, with a continuous line of solid glass block at its center. It rises at various intervals to become low walls and benches as function bay access and views dictate. Also planned will be a series of signs that tell the story of the Embarcadero in words and images.

At the same time as construction has begun on the road from Potrero Hill north, discussions have begun on improving public transit on the Bayshore Corridor, south of the Hill. A public meeting is slated to take place on Potrero Hill in March to elicit community suggestions.

St. Teresa's Parish Plans Dialogues On Religion, Church

While recognizing the need to find one's spiritual self, many people distrust the agenda of organized religion. The Roman Catholic Church has been especially open to such criticism. Such issues in the Church as the role of women, the ban on birth control, the relationship of gay men and lesbians to the Church, and the development of liberation theology in Latin America have created conflict and contributed to the disaffection of people from the Church.

What should or can the Church do about the situation? For that matter, what is the definition of "Church"? Both in Eur-

ope and North America, there is a move toward defining Church through the spiritual community made up of the people who come together to discover the meaning of God in their lives. This concept of Church has created a new interest, particularly among disaffected Catholics and other Christians who feel the pull of a spiritual life but still feel the effect of hurtful past experiences.

A new dialogue is beginning within which each community seeks to define "Church" and what that may mean to both the individual and the group within the context of their lives. The Parish of St. Teresa's will be holding meetings in an effort to expand such dialogue to the community of Potrero Hill. We hope to hear from people who have concerns about the distance they perceive between the realities of their lives, the prescribed teachings of the Church, and their feelings of anger, hurt, or rejection which were the result of that conflict.

Meetings will be held at 11 a.m. on February 7 and March 7 in the Parish Hall, Connecticut and 19th Streets. Anyone interested in an open and honest exchange of ideas, feelings and discoveries is welcome to attend.

Sandra Seibel
St. Teresa's Church

Busy Month Of Activities at Neighborhood House

In a celebration of Black History Month, the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House presents "From Whence You Came," on Sunday, Feb. 21, from 3-6 p.m. The program will feature readings, songs, skits, and performances by the young people who attend and participate in Neighborhood House activities. General admission is \$1, and refreshments will be available for a small cost. For more info call 826-8080.

Seniors are invited to a special Valentine's Day luncheon and dance at the Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro St., on Friday, Feb. 12 at 11 a.m. Please contact Alicia at 826-8080 to make a lunch reservation.

Two one-act plays directed by Ed Bullins will be presented as a Black History Month special at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro St., Feb. 5 and 6 at 8 p.m., and Feb. 7 at 3:30 p.m. For reservations and information call 822-7898.

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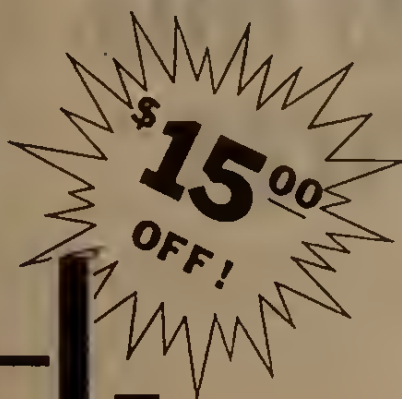
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The Spirit of Julia Morgan Still Alive on Potrero Hill

San Francisco has produced men and women of genius in all walks of life. We stand in awe of their wondrous achievements and contributions to society. Robert Frost, our country's late great Poet Laureate, was born in San Francisco. Jack London, one of the most read authors in the world, was born in San Francisco, but how many know about Julia Morgan — or her lasting legacy on Potrero Hill?

Julia Morgan was born in San Francisco on January 20, 1872, and died here on February 2, 1957. She became one of the most important and prolific female architects in the United States. She graduated from the University of California in 1894, yet she wasn't satisfied with her engineering degree; she wanted to become an architect. But that male-dominated profession was closed to women, and there were no female architects licensed by the State of California.

Although initially rebuffed because she was a woman, Morgan became the first female to graduate from the Ecole des Beau-Arts in Paris, and the first female to receive an architect's license from the State of California. She opened her office for business in downtown San Francisco in 1904.

She was a pioneer in the use of reinforced concrete, and that technique proved to be a windfall for her firm. Morgan's abilities were suddenly revealed when after the Great Earthquake of 1906, her buildings remained standing while thousands of others had collapsed.

She shared her profits with her employees, and also gave large sums of money to charity. Morgan never married, but she did find time to warmly embrace her employee's families as her own. She always bought gifts for the children and lavished wonderful words of encouragement on them. She once became offended to learn that a teacher had scolded one of the children for daydreaming in class.

She counseled that dreamers must be taught to express their dreams, and that dreams should never be stifled.

Morgan designed more than 800 buildings, most of them in the San Francisco Bay Area. Her most celebrated work was done at La Cuesta Encantada (The Enchanted Hill), where she labored for 20 years designing and building the Hearst Castle at San Simeon for multi-millionaire newspaperman William Randolph Hearst.

Although the breathtaking opulence of San Simeon made it Morgan's crowning achievement, the first Morgan building to be granted landmark status is the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House at 953 De Haro Street. The Neighborhood House has been open continuously since 1921 to provide service and assistance to the community.

Morgan was affiliated with many Presbyterian service organizations and worked closely with Presbyterian women's clubs. These women discovered that there were several thousand newly arrived immigrants living on Potrero Hill. They saw the difficulties that the immigrants had adapting to their new country, and noticed that the barriers of language and culture were impediments to the assimilation process. Worst of all, they felt, neither the immigrants nor their children were receiving adequate medical attention.

The Presbyterians built a community center for the Hill dwellers that provided services to anyone who requested them. It contained a medical clinic for infants, para-legal services, arts and crafts, assembly rooms, English language instruction, a gymnasium, a movie room, and a popular sewing room that was well stocked with 10 modern sewing machines. All services were free.

The community center gave the neighbors an opportunity to get to know one another, and to learn new cultural skills at an accelerated pace. The majority of



The Floorcraft Company sent Santa Claus — along with 100 Christmas trees to give to Potrero Hill residents unable to afford a tree last Dec. 21. The giveaway took place at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House. Ruth Passen photo

the immigrants were religious dissenters from Russia called Molokans.

In their book "Little Golden America" two Soviet authors describe their visit to the United States. Ilya Ilf and Eugene Petrov were surprised to learn that most of the Potrero Hill Russians they visited in 1935 couldn't speak English, even though they had lived in America since 1906. They were also surprised to see that they dressed in the style of pre-revolutionary Russia. "There was nothing here reminiscent of San Francisco," wrote Ilf and Petrov.

Potrero Hill was so isolated geographically from the rest of San Francisco that it provided older immigrants an enclave in which to perpetuate their own culture and language. But the youth wanted to become Americans as soon as possible. The community center was a bridge for the younger immigrant, who constantly struggled with the demands of adhering to the old traditions and their desire to assimilate.


I vividly remember announcing to my mom every evening, "Hey Ma, I'm going to the Nabe!" When I was on my way, I

found myself marching to the Neighborhood House with an army of little people, all eager for a fun filled evening.

As television entered our homes in the early 1950s the number of trekkers to the Neighborhood House diminished, but it is still functioning today as it has been for seven decades. Julia Morgan had a simple philosophy, she believed that things should be appreciated twice, once for their beauty; and once for the enjoyment.

Julia Morgan was a master builder who erected fabulous structures, but more importantly she was a master builder of the human spirit. She and her Presbyterian friends labored all their lives to help people. They funded and built community centers and churches for people that had a desperate need for them. All their good works were done quietly and without fanfare. I sincerely hope that the Julia Morgan spirit stays alive within us all.

— George F. Bushneff



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Who says he never returns to the Hill? Former neighbor and Mayor, Art Agnos has been seen watering trees on his property on Connecticut Street. Watchful neighbors are delighted to spot him and have brief chats.

Newest exhibits at the Joseph Chowning Gallery, 1717-17th St., includes sculpture and drawings by Franklin Williams through Feb. 11; and sculpture by Bob Rasmussen, Feb. 13 to Mar. 18, with an opening reception from 2-4 p.m. on Feb. 13. Call 626-7496 for more info.

The Italian Catholic Federation announces that scholarships will be awarded to Italian-American students enrolling as freshmen in college. Each award is for the sum of \$350. Awards will be made to qualified students who will graduate this year from any public or private high school in the states of California, Nevada or Illinois. Application blanks may be obtained from the Scholarship Committee, ICF, P.O. Box 640449, S.F., Ca. 94164-0449. For more info call (415) 673-8240.

S.F. State University is offering Re-entry Orientation Workshops for prospective undergraduate students who have been out of school for five years or more. Workshops will be given at SFSU on Feb. 27, Mar. 9 and Apr. 29 by the University's Advising Center. To obtain registration forms for the workshops, which cost \$8, call (415) 338-2103. Adults who do not qualify for regular admission to the University may be interested in learning about SFSU's special Re-entry Admissions Program (RAP) at the workshop.

A lecture on "Prevention of Date Rape," takes place Friday, Feb. 5, 1-2 p.m. at City College of San Francisco, Room 114. A videotape with recorded interviews of college women who were victims of date rape will be shown prior to a panel discussion on issues related to safety, rape prevention and sexually-transmitted diseases. This is a free event and is open to the general public. Co-sponsors include the City College Student Health Center and the CCSF Campus Police. For more info call 239-3580 or 239-3110.



You can learn the history of Golden Gate Park and enjoy walks through the park by becoming a volunteer guide. Friends of Recreation and Parks conduct free walking tours of the Park every weekend May through October. Volunteer guides are needed. A seven session training program will begin on Mar. 16. Call (415) 750-5105.

A community meeting about providing some specific programs at the Jackson Playground takes place on Friday, Feb. 5, from 7-9 p.m. All interested neighbors and Potrero Hill residents are encouraged to attend at the facility, Mariposa and Arkansas Sts.

A free concert at the Community Music Center Feb. 4 features the famed percussionist and composer Max Roach. The Center, located at 544 Capp St., is also offering other concerts during the month, some free and others for a nominal admission. For more info, call 647-6015.

Special classes for Black History Month will be held at the Randall Museum, 199 Museum Way, for children: Feb. 6 will be maskmaking; Feb. 13, Shadow Boxes; Feb. 20, Extraordinary Collage; and Feb. 27, Jazz Movement Workshop. All classes are taught by local African American artists, and begin at 1 p.m. Call 554-9600 for info.

The San Francisco SPCA will offer low-cost vaccination clinics during February for pets of San Franciscans on limited incomes. For just \$2 per inoculation, cats and dogs brought in by eligible owners can be vaccinated against several diseases. Financial eligibility can be established by a MediCal card or any document indicating an annual family income of \$12,000 or less. Call 554-3030 for appointment.

An exhibit of works by artist Liz Mamorsky can be seen at Sally's, 300 De Haro St., through March. Liz calls her works "functional and dysfunctional art!"

Volunteers are needed by the S.F. Food Bank and the National Grocers Assn. to push handcarts down the aisles of the Moscone Center on Tuesday, Feb. 9, from 4-7 p.m., gathering donated food from participating companies, and transporting them to central locations at the back of the floor. Food collected that day will feed hungry families on Wednesday. To volunteer please contact Belinda Cruz at (415) 957-1076.

Potrero Hill actor Roberta Callahan, who has performed with almost every Bay Area theater, this month makes her premiere appearance with the American Conservatory Theatre (ACT). Playing what she modestly terms "a small role" in John Webster's 17th century drama "The Duchess of Malfi," Callahan is especially pleased to be working again with director Robert Woodruff for whom she appeared at the Magic Theater several years ago. "Duchess" plays at Marjines' Memorial Theater through March 4.



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Multi-Ethnic Theatre Offers Relevant, Challenging Fare

By Winifred Mann

The newly formed Multi-Ethnic Theatre, to be the resident theater company at the Neighborhood House, made its bow last month to large and enthusiastic audiences. The program of three one acts was well chosen to offer both relevance and challenge to audience and players alike; without overwhelming either.

Lady Gregory's 1912 drama of the early days of the Irish Rebellion, "The Rising of the Moon" presented a battle of wits involving a soldier, a pair of policemen and a "suspect."

"Lou Gehrig Did Not Die of Cancer" by Jason Miller (c. the 1960s) was notable for an extended and very moving scene of two strangers—a mother and her son's athletic coach—finding themselves unaccountably but unmistakably drawn to each other as they, quite dispassionately, discuss the problems of her son at school. Though neither word nor gesture betrays anything explicit, the tension mounts almost unbearably. Splendid work by Michael Lanier and Linda Kennedy, under the sensitive direction of Lewis Campbell.

The final play was Lanford Wilson's "Home Free", a two character piece

offering enough ambiguity to satisfy anyone. The man and the woman apparently brother and sister—inhabit a non-specific environment peopled by numerous imaginary characters—apparently children. The puzzling proceedings somehow seemed to have their own inner logic, and the piece was certainly engrossing throughout.

The next production by M.E.T. will take place sometime in March. The program will consist of two related one-act plays by the same author, William Hampton, "Comance Cafe" and "Domino Courts." Director Lewis Campbell says the program may carry the "umbrella" title "Oklahoma Dustbowl."

This company which proudly proclaims itself a community theatre is clearly one with a future. Watch for details in next month's review.

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Also on view at the Neighborhood House on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 5, 6, and 7 will be a pair of plays celebrating Black History Month; "Street Sounds" by Ed Bullins and "The Burial of Prejudice" by Jona! Woodward. Both are directed by noted playwright and director, Ed Bullins, with music by Ron Wilson. For reservations or information call 826-8080 or 822-7898.

CRYING HOLY



Laura Nicholls, David Coles and Hallyne B. Harris (above), in Wayne Corbitt's powerful two-act drama of an African American family thrown into spiritual turmoil by the HIV positive diagnosis of its eldest son, continues at the Rhinoceros Theatre through Feb. 20. The play, "Crying Holy," is directed by Edris Cooper. For tickets and information call 861-5079

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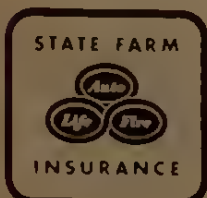
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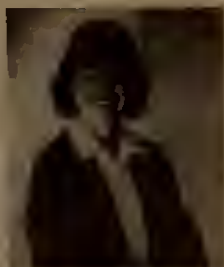
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Co-op Arts Workshop Moves To Foot of Potrero Hill

By Cydney Erickson-Feinstein

The Graphic Arts Workshop (GAW) — a 40 year old cooperative of graphic artists with a commitment to peace and social justice — has moved to new quarters on Potrero Hill.

The GAW may be best known for the series of calendars it printed for more than 20 years, featuring the work of its lithographers, woodcutters, engravers, serigraphers and others. Started in 1953, the GAW calendar series was ahead of its time, highlighting not only traditional American holidays but landmark dates in labor and civil rights history, including the first Women's Rights Convention, the San Francisco Waterfront Strike of 1934, and the 1963 March on Washington for Peace and Freedom.

With roots deeply imbedded in the labor movement, early GAW artists often depicted with pride and compassion working people's struggles for equitable pay and safe working conditions.

The GAW is the last vestige of the California Labor School (CLS), established in 1942. Under the leadership of Dr. Holland Roberts the school became an educational and social mecca for returning World War II GIs, union workers and progressives. The curriculum emphasized labor history and issues; history, economics, science and the creative arts were all taught from the workers' point of view.

By 1946 the CLS was enrolling more than 5,000 students a year and received an award from the President's Commission for Fair Employment Practices for "making America a place where all groups can live together in harmony." But only two short years later CLS became a prime target for government persecution.

In 1948 the U.S. Attorney General announced that he was placing the School on his list of "subversive" organizations and the Treasury Department revoked the school's non-profit status and demanded six years' worth of back taxes. In 1954 the Attorney General ordered the School to register as a "Communist Front" organization. When Roberts refused to comply, a year-long legal battle ensued;

Examples at left of prints from Graphic Arts Workshop calendars include, top, "Vineyard March," a woodcut by Dick Correll, and, below, "Pregnant Woman With Birds," a linocut by Potrero Hill's Stephen Parun.

in the end a ruling was handed down that the school was "dominated by Communists." Already teetering on bankruptcy, the CLS was unable to raise the money to appeal the ruling and closed its doors in 1957.

The Graphic Arts Workshop was originally part of the Labor School Art Department. When CLS failed Roberts donated all of its art supplies and equipment to the Workshop. Some well-known artists who started with the Workshop in its early days and remained active members for many years were: Victor Arnautoff (father of Potrero View staffer Vas Arnautoff), Pele de Lappe, Stanley Koppe!, Irving Fromer, Emmy Lou Packard and Louise Gilbert. And in the last 20 years Hill residents John Connolly and Steve Parun participated.

Over the ensuing four decades, the Workshop continued the legacy of CLS, offering classes and membership at affordable rates so that "the working person could afford to participate," Connolly notes. Connections with the unions remained strong. Workshop artists continued creating posters, leaflets and pamphlets that conveyed their commitment to "peace and full-employment."

Today the Workshop has more than 40 members and a new home at 2565 Third St. There is no professional staff — members rotate and share the responsibility of maintaining the work space. As always there are not restrictions or criteria for membership. Potential members must submit a portfolio for review — but only to demonstrate technical proficiency with different printing equipment.

The Workshop's legacy as well as its promise continues to be a commitment to making the tools for printmaking, lithography, etc. accessible to working people," says Connolly.

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Moira Jackson, Hill Senior Activist, Succumbs Jan 25

Moira Jackson, a 32-year resident of Potrero Hill who served in the California Senior Legislature for the past dozen years and was active in St. Teresa's parish, died Jan. 25 at the age of 82.

She was active in a variety of areas at St. Teresa's, in the Choir, the Liturgical Committee, the Sunday With Neighbors Program, and she was a Eucharistic Minister. Among her other many areas of activity in the Potrero Hill community was the Mayor's Committee for the Wisconsin Site, the citizen's advisory group that met as what is now Parkview Heights was being planned.

Born in New York and raised in Seattle, Jackson and her late husband, Joseph H., who predeceased her by 18 years, lived in Southern California before moving to New York. In a 1982 View article, she indicated it had been caring for him with his heart condition that sparked her interest in fighting for the needs and rights of seniors. She was appointed to the San Francisco Commission on Aging in 1981 by former Supervisor Robert Gonzales, a fellow Hill resident. In addition to being a Senator in the Senior Legislature, she also served as a California Commissioner on Aging and as Rep. Nancy Pelosi's Senior Intern in Washington, D.C.

Between her involvement at St. Teresa's, her work as an editor and her acti-



Moira Jackson speaking out against cutbacks in Hill library service.

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vity on behalf of seniors, Jackson gained special pleasure from working in her garden. Those wishing to make contributions in her memory may donate to St. Teresa's Parish, 390 Missouri Street, San Francisco, CA 94107. The funeral service was set Saturday Jan. 30 at 9:30 a.m. at Duggan's, 3434-17th Street, followed by a 10 a.m. Funeral Mass at St. Teresa's.

John Ruymaker, Former Potrero Hill Resident, Ships Clerk, Dies at 68

John R. Ruymaker, who with his wife Ethel had lived on Potrero Hill in the 1980 s, died of leukemia January 7 after a brief illness and just short of his 68th birthday.

Born in New York City, Ruymaker moved to the Bay Area in 1946. A staunch union man, Ruymaker participated in the Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers organizing drive in 1946. He belonged to Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union (ILWU) Local 6, and in 1954 became a member of Ship's Clerks Local 34 ILWU until his retirement six years ago.

Ruymaker, a member of the Ft. Point Gang walking group, was an avid camper and world traveler. He was at the end of an eight-month camping trip through Europe and Turkey when he became ill.

A memorial will be held on Sunday, February 28, at 2 p.m. at ILWU Local

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Pregnant women should not be vaccinated because of incomplete safety evaluations.

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- * Older adults, especially those age 65 and over, who are healthy.

Persons already vaccinated should not get a second Pneumococcal vaccine. However, if in doubt or if no information is available about whether a person in one of these three high-risk groups has ever received the vaccine, then a single dose should be given.

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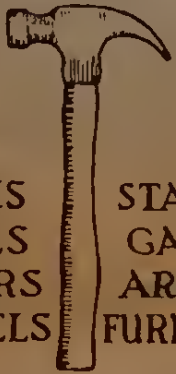
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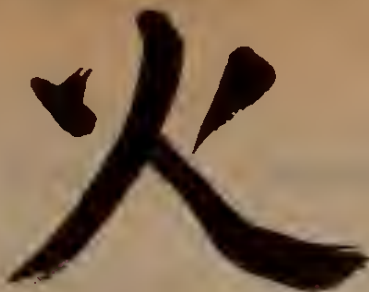
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